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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 1093

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER TO LOOK INTO PHILIPPINE-
MOSLEM PROBLEM

1. SAUDI ARABIA OPPOSED THE PROPOSALMADE IN LAHORE BY
LIBYAN PREMIER QADAFI FOR A JIHAD AGAINST THE PHILIPPINE
GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF THE "OPPRESSED MOSLEM MINORITY"
IN MINDANAO. THE SAUDI POSITION, ACCORDING TO MINISTER
OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OMAR SAQQAF, IS THAT THE

PHILIPPINES CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IS FRIENDLY AND CON-
SERVATIVE; IT SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED INTERNALLY AND EN-
COURAGED TO REACH AN ACCOMMODATION WITH ITS MOSLEM
MINORITY.

2. SAQQAF, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE OF THIS POSITION, HAS BEEN
INVITED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES TO VISIT
THE PHILIPPINES, PARTICULARLY THE MOSLEM AREAS, ON BE-
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HALF OF KING FAISAL. SAQQAF WILL LEAVE JIDDA THE MORNING

OF MARCH 6 AND SHOULD BE IN MANILA BY MARCH 10.

3. SAQQAF HAS TOLD US THAT THIS VISIT HAS NOT BEEN COORDINATED WITH ARAB OR OTHER MOSLEM COUNTRIES; THAT MANY WILL OPPOSE HIS TRIP AND WILL CERTAINLY TTACK SAUDI ARABIA IF HE RECOVENES AGAINST ANY AID TO THE MOSLEM REBELS.

4. SAQQAF, HOWEVER, REMINDED US THAT THERE IS AN ARAB PROVERB TO THE EFFECT THAT IF YOUR LEG IS HURT YOU TRY TO CURE IT. YOU CUT IT OFF ONLY IF IT IS DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR. HE SAID HE HOPED THAT THE SITUATION OF THE MOSLEMS IN THE PHILIPPINES IS NOT BEYOND REPAIR.
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